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B O R O U G H O F T E N B Y .ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1950

To His Worship the Mayor, and Members of the Council.

I beg to submit the Annual Report for the year 1950.

V I T A L S T A T I S T I C S

Resident Population, (Registrar General's Estimate).....1950...
.....4,573.....

England & Wales

Birth Rate	17.46 per 1,000 pop.	15.8
Death Rate	15.96 per 1,000 pop.	11.6
Infantile		
Mortality Rate	50 per 1,000 live births	29.8

Causes of Death.

	M.	F.
All Causes	32	41
Respiratory Tuberculosis	-	1
Cancer	3	7
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	8	9
Coronary disease of Heart	5	2
Other Heart Disease	2	8
Influenza	-	1
Pneumonia	-	1
Bronchitis	4	1
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	-
Nephritis	1	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-
Other defined & ill-defined diseases	5	11
Motor vehicle accidents	-	-
All other accidents	1	-
Suicide	1	-

63% of the Deaths were of persons over 70 years of age, including 24% over the age of 80 years.

The Infantile Mortality Rate is considerably higher than that for the whole of England and Wales. There were 4 deaths under 1 year, which included one pair of twins, all due to Prematurity, and all one day old or under.

Still Births: 1 or 1.25 of Total Births.

Illegitimate Births: 2 or 2.5 of Total Births.

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Cerebro-Spinal Fever	2	Acute Poliomyelitis	1
Measles	56	Whooping Cough	1

The cases of Cerebro-spinal Fever and Acute Poliomyelitis were admitted to the West Wales Isolation Hospital, Tumble.

TUBERCULOSIS

Three cases of Respiratory Tuberculosis were notified, two of these being transfers from another area. There was one death from Respiratory Tuberculosis.

The Mobile Mass Radiography Unit was unable to visit the area during the year.

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946.

LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES.

VACCINATION

This is carried out by the local doctors, who are paid by the County Council for notification of either successful vaccination, or failure after the second attempt. Records were received of 9 Primary Vaccinations, and 13 Secondary Vaccinations during the year.

IMMUNISATION.

This is also carried out by the local doctors, who are paid by the County Council on receipt by your Medical Officer of the record cards. 28 children under 5 years were immunised during the year.

Immunisation, and particularly re-inforcing injections for older children, was postponed during the latter part of the year because of the epidemic of Poliomyelitis which occurred then.

Other arrangements for Local Health Services are carried out by the County Council.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

REMOVAL TO SUITABLE PREMISES OF PERSONS IN NEED OF CARE AND ATTENTION.

No action was taken under this Section during the year.

WATER

With the exception of a few outlying areas, the whole of the Borough has a mains supply. The number of dwelling houses supplied direct from the public water main is 1,240 and no houses are supplied by means of stand-pipes.

Seven samples were taken for bacteriological examination, and they were all satisfactory.

Work has been started on the construction of a Trunk Main from the Precelly Water Board's Supply.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

No complaints were received during the bathing season as to the pollution of the south sands with sewage solids. The regular closing and opening of the penstock doubtless had a beneficial effect; but solids on the beach on one or two occasions during the autumn, when the penstock was being operated, have proved that it is not effective under all conditions of the tide and wind. The absence of easterly winds during the summer probably contributed to the absence of trouble. Late in the year, the Council's Consultants reported on the mechanical screening of sewage; but a decision on the report was not reached before the end of the year.

In December, tenders for additional sewers at Park Road and The Glebe were received, but, again, too late for a decision before the end of the year.

REFUSE DISPOSAL.

A covered refuse collection vehicle was purchased early in the year. A greater degree of control has been introduced at the tip at Marsh Road.

HOUSING

Eighteen out of twenty-four Council houses under the second contract on the Glebe Estate were completed during the year and a start was made on the work under the third contract, which is for twenty-two houses.

FOOD

Small quantities of unfit food were surrendered voluntarily by traders on 31 occasions.

The results of bacteriological examinations of milk and ice cream samples taken and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory were as under:-

<u>Milk</u>	Satisfactory	20		
	Unsatisfactory	9		
<u>Ice Cream</u>				
	<u>Grade 1.</u>	<u>Grade 2.</u>	<u>Grade 3.</u>	<u>Grade 4.</u>
	5	3	1	3

One small manufacturer of ice cream, from whom Grade 4 results were obtained, was persuaded to give up making ice cream, but was allowed to purchase it from a satisfactory source and retail it. Subsequent samples were satisfactory.

RODENT CONTROL.

Regular treatment of the sewers and refuse tip and prompt attention to all complaints were maintained during the year.

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Particulars of Sanitary Inspector's Work.

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR 1950.

Total No. of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts).	55
No. of dwelling houses inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations 1925 & 1932 included in previous column.	5
No. of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	3
No. of dwelling houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation (exclusive of those in previous column)	1
No. of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers.	15

ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING YEAR

Housing Act, 1936. Sections 9, 10 & 16.

No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs.	Nil
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No. of dwelling houses rendered fit after service of formal notices (By Owners).	Nil
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Public Health Acts

No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.	Nil
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No. of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices (By Owners).	Nil
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Housing Act, 1936. Sections 11 & 13.

No. of dwelling houses in respect of which demolition orders were made - 3 more houses in respect of which undertakings not to relet as houses accepted last year have now been vacated and are used as stores.	
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No. of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders.	Nil
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Housing Act, 1936. Section 12.

No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made.	Nil
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HOUSING ACTS, 1936. PART IV - OVERCROWDING.

No. of dwelling houses overcrowded at the end of year	12
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No. of families dwelling therein.	20
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No. of persons dwelling therein.	79
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No. of new cases of overcrowding reported during year.	Nil
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No. of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year.	10
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No. of persons concerned in such cases.	37
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SANITARY INSPECTION.

Particulars of Work carried out during year 1950.

No. of complaints received	23
No. of defects or nuisances discovered.	67
<u>No. of Premises visited.</u>	
Inspections.	93
Re-visits.	81
<u>No. of Notices served.</u>	
Preliminary: Housing	Nil
Other	Nil
Statutory: Housing	Nil
Other	Nil
<u>Summary Action.</u>	
Summonses issued	Nil
Convictions obtained	Nil

MILK AND DAIRIES ORDERS

No. of Registered Dairymen.	1
No. of Inspections	4
<u>Milk Samples</u>	
Satisfactory	20
Unsatisfactory	9
Total:	29

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 & 1948.

<u>Premises</u>	<u>No. on Register</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Written Notices</u>	<u>Occupiers Prosecuted</u>
(1) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	48	17	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	11	4	Nil	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total:	59	21	Nil	Nil

